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For my part, my health is no better and my morale hasn't improved either. My brother is out of the hospital because it is too late to treat his cancer. So every day I expect to receive bad news.

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be a normal man. They have really forced me to the bottom of hell since my arrest 14 years ago, and if they had asked me to choose half the suffering which I have endured these past 14 years or death, I would have chosen death without hesitation. You know that the only thing that keeps me going is the thought of my children.

Well, you let Counselor Lesar and Alcorn know, and say hello for me. Tell them to do all that is possible both as regards Brazil and the European Court. Keep me up to date and send me more than a hundred dollars because the dollar isn't worth anything any more, or at least not much. Best regards, and kind wishes for your little boy - the same tenderness as for my own children which has been stolen from me. Write to me.

Regards,

Christian David

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